REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	22 December 1995
Name of applicant/court:	The Christchurch District Court
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Various Japanese Hidden Cameras
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/NTSC
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Stated

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Untitled	Running time:	121.41
Trailers:	Debris - REW 15	Running time:	0.03
		Total Running time:	121.44

Excision/Alteration: No

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication depicts women in public places, engaged in everyday activities. They are filmed clandestinely and apparently without their knowledge or consent. The publication depicts activities such as urination, undressing, dressing and washing in a voyeuristic and sexualised manner, for purposes of sexual arousal. It violates their personal privacy, films them in activities they could legitimately expect to be kept private, and exploits these activities for the sexual arousal of others. In doing so, it degrades the women to a strong extent and degree. The intentions of the maker and owner in terms of distribution are not known, but it should be noted that video recordings can be easily copied and viewed.

Section 14 of the NZBR Act does apply to this publication and limitations on its availability must be reasonably justified. In terms of Section 3 of the Act, the Classification Office has given significant weighting to the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, the publication degrades the women it depicts, given the manner by which the contents of the publication appear to have been obtained. The Classification Office considers the unsolicited filming of women as they toilet to be a violation of individuals' rights to go about their private day to day activities without impediment. The act of filming makes public what is generally considered in New Zealand society to be a private event. Therefore, the publication is classified as objectionable.

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